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REMARKS

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Information

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1. [redacted] the barracks installation on the northeast exit of Hillersleben was occupied by 263 officers, about 800 EM and 14 women on 18 September 1953. [redacted] officers: Colonel Nikolayev (fnu), commanding officer of the unit stationed in the east section of the installation; Captain Potapov (fnu), motor transport officer; and Senior Lieutenant Mikha Gerazimov, secretary of the Komsomols and AAA instructor for 37-mm AA guns in the east and west sections of the installation.

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2. On 23 September, several columns, totaling about 70 trucks with AT guns, howitzers, mortars and about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen en route toward Dolle, coming from Gardelegen.

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Between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on 26 September, 10 light armored scout cars, 10 half-track armored personnel carriers, about 40 trucks, including some towing 76.2-mm AT guns, and a total of about 500 troops were seen en route toward the Neuplanken wood camp, coming from Neuahaldensleben. On 28 September, columns of 5 to 8 motor vehicles, totaling about 80 motor vehicles, passed through Neuahaldensleben, coming from the direction of Magdeburg and proceeding toward Gardelegen. The vehicles had small white flags and the officers wore white brassards with the letter P. [redacted] During the night on 27 September, columns were seen en route toward Gardelegen. Troops were detained in Letzlingen. 2

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1. Comment. The barracks installation on the northeast exit of Hillersleben can be carried occupied by major elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div after 10 September. [redacted] The information on the unknown Senior Lieutenant Mikha Gerazimov, to a certain extent, confirms the location in Hillersleben of the 2503d Gds AAA Bgt [redacted] of the division.

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2. Comment. These movements in and to the north section of Letzling Heath which, [redacted] involved units of the Third Shock Army and the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, with the latter exclusively observed with the traffic control details, strengthen the assumption that major fall maneuvers were to take place in the north section of Letzling Heath in late September. Reports on transportation tended to indicate that units of the 10th Gds Tank Div were detained which [redacted] had transferred from Satzkorn to Letzlingen.

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